



New Columbia – Portland

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**82 acres house
2500 people
22 countries
1300 children**

**Relocation began
in 2003**

**Project complete
in 2006**



Elements of Community Building

- Connectedness
- Information
- Engagement
- Community Stability
- Youth Involvement



Connectedness

Create an environment where neighbors are connected and rely on the strengths of each other.



Connectedness

- Family Support Groups
- Neighborhood Parties



Connectedness

- Community Gardens
- Block Watch and Foot Patrols



Information

- Create ways to keep residents up to date on information and activities
- Promote effective communication with the ultimate goal of creating an informed and livable community

Information

- Website
- Newsletter
- Hotline
- Monthly Calendar
- Town Hall Meetings



The New Columbia Neighbor



April 2008

New Columbia Film Series

Come join Film Action Oregon for a set of free weekend films (with complimentary food) at the New Columbia Community Education Center. The movies' themes cover civil rights, immigration, and our common human experiences. As an added bonus, the directors of the films will be in attendance to share the personal insights on race, ethnicity, and cultural traditions that they gained while making their films. The next screenings will be "Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars" on Saturday, May 3, and "El Inmigrante" on May 4. Both films are free and begin at 3pm. The films are shown at 4625 N Trenton Street.

Spring Break a Big Hit!

Spring Break 2008 was chock-full of activities that engaged youth, parents, and the New Columbia community at large. With activities designed to jumpstart the summer, owners, renters, community partners, volunteers, parents, youth, and seniors all helped in some capacity. Events started with a kickoff on March 21st and ended with the Portsmouth Clean Up on March 29th. This week really epitomized the spirit of community building where people came together with the intent of keeping children safe and engaged in positive activities. As a result, we were able to provide activities to over three hundred youth during Spring Break. Thank you to all of the community partners, volunteers, and other donors of time, energy, or funds who made Spring Break 2008 a huge success.

Community Engagement

- Create an environment where residents express their ideas freely and stay involved in community activities that move the community in a positive direction.



Community Engagement

- Kitchen Table Conversations
- Resident Community Builders
- Door to door outreach
- Pocket Park Events





New Columbia Seniors host a Pocket Park Party



Community Stability

- Create positive relationships between property management, renters, homeowners, public safety and the surrounding neighborhood.
- Provide linkages to community services that support healthy families and economic self-sufficiency.

Community Stability

- Service Referrals
- Weekly staffing
- Learning Center



Community Stability

- Community Policing
- Safety Action Team



Youth Involvement

- Create various ways to engage youth and assist them to reach their full potential.
- Provide youth with a sense of responsibility, ownership, and awareness that they are a valuable asset to the community.
- Involve Seniors

Youth Involvement

- Youth Outreach
- United Teens
- McCoy Park Programs



Youth Involvement

- Boys and Girls Club
- Youth Employment
- Spring Break and Summer Programs



Rosa Parks School



